



How to play... TEXAS HOLD 'EM

First, determine who will be the dealer. This person will place the Dealer Button in front of them. The dealer Button will move clockwise around the table when it is time for a new dealer.

Now that the cards are ready to be dealt, it's time to decide how to open the game. For most home poker games, the game begins with an Ante. An Ante is simply the money (or chip amount) that is required from each person to get into the game. It helps to build up the value of the pot, and forces each player to commit to the action before seeing the cards that are dealt.

Once the Ante has been made, the dealer deals out two cards face down to each player. These cards are referred to as the Pocket Cards.

Play begins with a round of betting, starting with the player who was dealt the cards first, then continues clockwise. Players can choose to Check (stay in the game with a bet of \$0), Call (match the bet on the table), Raise, or Fold.

Three cards called The Flop are now dealt face up. The Flop represents the first three of five community cards used by each player to give him or her the strongest hand. Another round of betting takes place.

The dealer will turn over a fourth community card on the table. This card is called The Turn. It is also referred to as Fourth Street. Another round of betting takes place.

The dealer will now turn over a fifth community card on the table. The card is called The River. A final round of betting takes place. Players who have stayed in this far then turn over their pocket cards. The winning Texas Hold 'Em poker hand is then awarded the pot.

Poker Hands from Highest to Lowest

Straight Flush (five consecutive cards of the same suit)

Four of a Kind

Full House (three of a kind and one pair)

Flush (five cards of the same suit)

Straight (five consecutive cards- Aces may be used before a two of a King)

Three of a Kind

Two pairs

One Pair

High Card (Ace, King, Queen, Jack, Ten, Nine, Eight, Etc.)



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